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or local floodplain/wetland protection standards;

(4) If applicable, a statement indicating why the National Flood Insurance Program criteria are demonstrably inappropriate for the proposed action;

(5) A description of measures that will be taken to minimize harm to the floodplain or wetland;

(6) A statement indicating how the action affects natural or beneficial floodplain values; and

(7) A list of any other involved agencies or individuals.

(j) *Design Requirements.* If structures impact, are located in, or support development of a floodplain or wetland, the design must include measures necessary (1) to minimize harm to the floodplain or wetland; (2) to reduce the risk of flood loss; (3) to minimize destruction, loss, or degradation of wetlands; (4) to minimize the impact on human safety, health, and welfare; and (5) to restore and preserve the natural and beneficial floodplain and wetland values. Construction must conform, at a minimum, to the standards and criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program, except where those standards are demonstrably inappropriate for postal purposes.

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§ 776.6 Existing buildings, owned or leased.

(a) *Installing Markers for Flood Hazards.* If property used by the general public has suffered flood damage or is located in a floodplain or flood hazard area, conspicuous markers must be installed on structures and other appropriate places to show past flood record height and the probable 100-year flood height. These must be installed where they will be readily visible to the general public visiting or using the facility.

(b) *Warning Procedures for Floods.* The Regional Director, Mail Processing De-

partment, must develop warning and evacuation procedures for properties subject to flash floods or rapid rise floods.

§ 776.7 Disposal, lease, easement to non-federal public or private parties.

For actions involving a lease, easement right-of-way, or disposal to non-federal public or private parties, a determination whether the proposed action will occur in a floodplain or wetland must be made. If the action will occur in a floodplain or wetland, the Postal Service must:

(a) Reference in the conveyance those uses that are restricted under identified federal, state, or local floodplain or wetland regulations; and

(b) Attach other appropriate restrictions to the use of properties by the Grantee or purchaser and any successors, which assure (1) that harm to lives, property, and the floodplain or wetland values are identified and are minimized, and (2) that floodplain or wetland values are restored and preserved, except where prohibited by law; or

(c) Withhold the property from conveyance.

§ 776.8 Public notice.

(a) Public notice of Postal Service plans for locating a proposed project in a floodplain or a wetland will be sent to: the appropriate review officials identified in the Postal Service regulations and procedures governing intergovernmental review of Postal Service facility project actions; local public officials; local newspapers; and other parties who express interest in the project.

(b) The notice must contain the information described in § 776.5(i).

(c) The public notice also must contain a provision for a 30-day public commenting period before any action is taken to acquire the site.

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